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## UTILITY

PATENT APPLICATION  
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(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

MIT-244

First Inventor

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Title

GRAFT FIXATION DEVICE AND METHOD

Express Mail Label No.

EL691439609 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents  
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See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24]

(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 11]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS

## Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)16. ☐ Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.17. ☒ Other: Request for Extension of Time18. ☒ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/640,314, filed 08/15/2000.

Prior application information: Examiner P. Philogene Group Art Unit: 3732

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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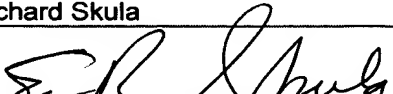
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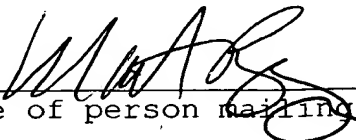
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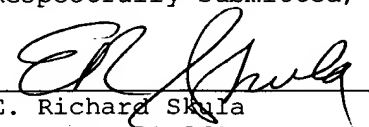
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2001 for two(2) month(s) from April 9, 2001 to June 9, 2001. A Request for Continuation responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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